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SUBJECT: BAVARIAN CABINET MEMBER'S RATIONALE FOR
"NO" VOTE ON ANTI-TERRORIST BILL

REF: BONN 12884

1. IN FRONT-PAGE ARTICLE IN AUGUST 7 ISSUE OF CSU-ORGAN BAYERN KURIER, BAVARIAN STATE SECRETARY FOR JUSTICE ALFRED SEIDL GIVES EXPLANATION FOR BAVARIAN GOVERNMENT'S NEGATIVE VOTE ON ANTI-TERRORIST LEGISLATION IN BUNDESRAT.

2. ACCORDING TO SEIDL, BAVARIAN GOVERNMENT HAD TWO BASIC OBJECTIONS TO LEGISLATION. FIRST, IT DID NOT RPT NOT MAKE PARTICIPATION IN FOUNDATION OF, MEMBERSHIP IN, SUPPORT OF, OR RECRUITMENT FOR A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION A MAJOR CRIME (VERBRECHEN), I.E., A CRIME INVOLVING MORAL TURPITUDE. SECONDLY, LEGISLATION COVERED ONLY THE CONTROL OF WRITTEN COMMUNICATION AND NOT RPT NOT ORAL COMMUNICA-TION BETWEEN ARRESTED TERRORIST-SUSPECTS AND THEIR LEGAL COUNSEL.
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3. SEIDL ARGUES THAT NEW LEGISLATION REPRESENTS
"HARDLY ANY REAL CHANGE" IN EXISTING LEGISLATION
AND IS "INSUFFICIENT" AND THEREFORE OF NO RPT NO USE.

4. COMMENT. WE INTERPRET SEIDL'S ARTICLE AS ATTEMPT
TO EXPLAIN TO PUBLIC IN RELATIVELY SIMPLE LANGUAGE WHY
BAVARIAN GOVERNMENT, WHICH PRIDES ITSELF IN TAKING HARD
LINE ON TERRORISM, VOTED AGAINST BILL IN BUNDESRAT.
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